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CLAIM OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Sir:

The undersigned has been informed that the applicant is entitled to small entity status. Therefore, the accompanying payment of issue fee has been made at small entity rates.

Respectfully submitted,

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